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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MY

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 4223

1. YOUR CALL ON PRIME MINISTER IS TIMELY, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT TO REGION BY VICE PRESIDENT. IN THAT REGARD, YOU MAY ALSO WISH REITERATE MAIN THEMES OF "NEW AGENDA" AS PER VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IN HAWAII INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS, ASEAN AND REGIONAL SECURITY. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THE QUESTION OF REFUGEES IS ASSUMING SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. (THIS WAS ALSO NOTED BY UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM TO AMBASSADOR ZAIN ON MAY 16 -- SEPTTEL.) IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DECISION ON PAROLE WILL  
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HAVE BEEN MADE. NEVERTHELESS, YOU CAN STRESS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALSO RE-CONFIRMED AS A "CENTRAL OBJECTIVE" OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, AND THAT TREATMENT OF REFUGEES IS CITED AS A "PROFOUND TEST". THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THE PROBLEMS REFUGEES POSED FOR MALAYSIA AS ONE OF VIETNAM'S "IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS".

2. MALAYSIA HAS A GOOD OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN HELD WITHOUT TRIAL FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY REASONS, SOME

FOR MANY YEARS, WITHOUT CHARGES HAVING BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST THEM. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT CONTINUED DETENTION OF THESE PERSONS WITHOUT CHARGES OR TRIAL REMAIN A CONCERN AND COULD ENGENDER CRITICISM IN THE CONGRESS AND ELSEWHERE.

3. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT SEPTTEL ON U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD TIMING, LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OF US-ASEAN DIALOGUE WHICH YOU MAY FIND APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE. VANCE

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